

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 15 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing clipboard data between different computers of a group, comprising:
commanding a first computer of the group to copy or cut selected data to a clipboard of the first computer;
causing-said the first computer to send a message to at least a second computer of the group that the data on-said the clipboard has been updated;
providing-said the second computer with access to-said the clipboard; and
commanding an application operating on-said the second computer to paste-said the selected data.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein-said the commanding-said the first computer consists of causing-said the first computer to copy or cut-said the selected data.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein-said command commanding-said the application operating on-said the second computer consists of causing-said the second computer to paste-said the selected data.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said-providing-said the second computer with access to-said the clipboard comprises providing-said the second computer with information of each format in which-said the selected data is stored on-said the clipboard.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said-commanding-said the application comprises obtaining a single, application-compatible format of-said the selected data.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~providing does not include copying ~~said~~ the selected data to a clipboard of ~~said~~ the second computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting data in a registered format from one computer to another computer, comprising:
providing an operating system of a first computer running an application in which a copy command is issued with a string name;
generating a message on ~~said~~ the first computer that clipboard data on ~~said~~ the first computer has been updated and including ~~said~~ the string name that corresponds to ~~said~~ the registered format;
transmitting ~~said~~ the message to at least one second computer;
issuing a paste command on ~~said~~ the at least one second computer, comprising generating a request including ~~said~~ the string identifier name and transmitting ~~said~~ the request to ~~said~~ the first computer; and
in response to ~~said~~ the request from ~~said~~ the at least one second computer, transmitting requested data from ~~said~~ the clipboard of ~~said~~ the first computer to ~~said~~ the clipboard of ~~said~~ the at least one second computer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~said~~operating system on ~~said~~ the first computer randomly generates a numeric format identifier following ~~said~~providing ~~said~~ the operating system with ~~said~~ the string name.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein, following ~~said~~ transmitting ~~said~~ the message, ~~said~~ the at least one second computer presents ~~said~~ the string name to ~~said~~ an operating system thereon and ~~said~~ the operating system generates a numeric format identifier to be associated with ~~said~~ the requested data on ~~said~~ the clipboard of ~~said~~ the at least one second computer.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer network, comprising:
a first computer including at least one first processing element operating under at least partial control of a program that:
causes-said the at least one first processing element to recognize when an operating system associated therewith has caused data to be applied to a clipboard; and causes-said the at least one first processing element to send a message to at least one second computer of the computer network when data on-said the clipboard of-said the first computer is changed; and
saidthe at least one second computer including at least one second processing element operating under at least partial control of a program that:
causes-said the at least one second processing element to receive-said the message; and upon receiving a command from an application running on-said the at least one second computer, retrieves at least a portion of-said the data from-said the clipboard of said the first computer and imports at least-said the portion of-said the data into said the application.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 10, wherein-said the program causes-said the at least one first processing element to recognize when a copy or cut command has been issued by an application running on-said the first computer.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 11, wherein-said the command from-said the application running on-said the second computer comprises a paste command.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 10, wherein-said the message sent by-said the at least one first processing element includes information about a plurality of formats of-said the data available on-said the clipboard.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 13, wherein-said the program that at least partially controls-said the at least one second processing element is configured to select a format of at least-said the portion of-said the data from-said the plurality of formats to be imported into-said the application.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer network, comprising:
a first computer including at least one first processing element programmed for:
copying or cutting selected data to a clipboard; and
sending a message to at least one second computer of the computer network when data on
said the clipboard of-said the first computer is changed; and
said the at least one second computer including at least one second processing element operating under at least partial control of a program for:
causescausing-said the at least one second processing element to receive-said the message; and
upon receiving a command from an application running on-said the at least one second computer, retrieving at least a portion of-said the data from-said the clipboard of said the first computer and importing at least-said the portion of-said the data into said the application.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to FIG. 1. This sheet, which includes FIG. 1, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1.

FIG. 1 has been amended herein. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been revised to add the reference numeral --111-- with appropriate lead line. No new matter has been added.